

IN THE SENATE

SENATE PROCLAMATION NO. 104

BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

A PROCLAMATION

STATING FINDINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE AND RECOGNIZING AND CONGRATULATING THE COLLEGE OF SOUTHERN IDAHO MEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM AND ITS COACHES FOR THEIR GREAT ACHIEVEMENT IN WINNING THE COLLEGE'S THIRD NJCAA MEN'S BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP AND FOR THEIR INDIVIDUAL ACHIEVEMENTS.

We, the members of the Senate of the State of Idaho assembled in the First Regular Session of the Sixty-first Idaho Legislature, do hereby proclaim:

WHEREAS, the College of Southern Idaho men's basketball team is comprised of highly talented athletes who also excel in the classroom and serve as role models for sportsmanship; and

WHEREAS, the College of Southern Idaho men's basketball team, the Golden Eagles, claimed its third National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) national championship on March 19, 2011, in Hutchinson, Kansas, with a 72-64 victory over Midland College, completing an impressive 34-4 season; and

WHEREAS, the College of Southern Idaho men's basketball team has won two previous NJCAA basketball championships in 1976 and 1987; and

WHEREAS, Steve Gosar, the head coach of the College of Southern Idaho men's basketball team, was named NJCAA Coach of the Tournament; and

WHEREAS, Pierre Jackson, a sophomore guard for the Golden Eagles, was named the NJCAA tournament's most valuable player; and

WHEREAS, the Golden Eagles' freshman guard Mitch Bruneel and sophomore center Kenny Buckner were named to the all-tournament team; and

WHEREAS, the College of Southern Idaho men's basketball team is composed of a group of athletes, including four from Idaho (Jon Pulsifer of Twin Falls, Ben Van Lith and Mitch Bruneel of Eagle and Dennis Mikelonis of Boise), as well as athletes from as far away as Brazil, Serbia and Australia; and

WHEREAS, the combined grade point average of this outstanding group of athletes is 2.97; and

WHEREAS, the College of Southern Idaho men's basketball team and its dedicated coaches are an inspiration to all Idahoans and represent the highest ideals of the College of Southern Idaho and the NJCAA.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the members of the Senate assembled in the First Regular Session of the Sixty-first Idaho Legislature, that we recognize and congratulate the College of Southern Idaho men's basketball team and its coaches for their great achievement in winning the college's third NJCAA men's basketball championship and for their individual achievements.